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In re application of:

Ikuo NISHIMOTO

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For: HUMANIN, A POLYPEPTIDE  
SUPPRESSING NEURONAL DEATH

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

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Please cancel claim 3.

Please amend claim 2 as follows:

2.

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